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For : DISPLAY DEVICE AND LUMINANCE CONTROL
METHOD THEREFOR

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Sir:

Your petitioner, Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., a corporation of Japan, whose business address is 1006, Oaza Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka 571-8501 Japan, represents that it is the owner of record of the entire right, title and interest of U.S. Patent Application Nos. 10/727,331; 10/727,326; 10/727,330; and the above-captioned '329 application by virtue of an assignment recorded in

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the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 31, 2001 at Reel 012029, Frame 0361 in prior U.S. Application No. 09/856,161 for "Display Device and Luminance Control Method Therefor", which issued as U.S. Patent 6,414,660, entitled "Display Device and Method of Controlling its Brightness".

The undersigned is an attorney or agent of record authorized to act on behalf of the assignee in the filing of this terminal disclaimer.

Your petitioner, Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified '329 application which would extend beyond the expiration date of a U.S. Patent granted on U.S. Application Nos. 10/727,331; 10/727,326; or 10/727,330, and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified '329 application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to the United States Patents that issue from U.S. Application Nos. 10/727,331; 10/727,326; and/or 10/727,330, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified '329 application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

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Respectfully submitted,
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